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Hon. Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: 10100' Zone, Reservoir A
Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Application is hereby made for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the 10100' Zone, Reservoir A, Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10100' Zone, Reservoir A in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10100' Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 10100' ZONE RA SUA as shown on the revised plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interest within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created;
5. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 10100' Zone, Reservoir A.

The 10100' Zone (formerly the 10200' Zone), Reservoir A, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand found between the depths of 10134' and 10391', less and except the equivalent of the 10200' Sand previously defined as per Order 155-FFF found between the depths of 10286' and 10315' (electric log measurements) in the Austral Oil and Exploration - N B LeBlanc No. 1 Well (formerly Conoco N B LeBlanc No. 3) located in Section 67, Township 12 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

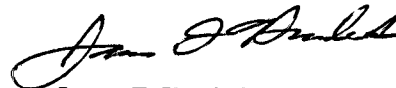
A pre-application conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held as scheduled on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club, 111 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503. The conference was opened by James F. Hardwick, geological consultant for the applicant, and Travis A. Helms, geological consultant for the applicant, discussed the geological, engineering and other bases for this application. The basis of a minor modification to the plat and sand definition was explained, and numerous questions were asked and answered. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached list. Although no counterplans were shown, Mr. Stanley Warburton, on behalf of Ms. Kay Gabbert, expressed opposition to the applicant's plan, and indicated that he intended to file a counterplan. After further discussion, questions and answers, the conference was adjourned.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicants will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Abbeville Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Abbeville Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date. All pertinent data relating to this unit proposal may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P.O. Box 80972, Lafayette, LA 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



James F. Hardwick
President

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties

